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1:1 And Josias held the Feast of the Passover in Jerusalem unto his Lord, and offered the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month;

1:2 Having set the

Priests according to their daily courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the Temple of the Lord.

1:3 And he spake unto the Levites, the holy ministers of Israel, that they

should hallow themselves unto the Lord, to set the holy Ark of the Lord in the house that king Solomon the son of David had built:

1:4 And said, Ye shall no more bear the

Ark upon your shoulders: now therefore serve the Lord your God, and minister unto his people Israel, and prepare you after your families and kindreds,

1:5 According as David the king of

Israel prescribed, and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son: and standing in the Temple according to the several dignity of the families of you the Levites, who minister in the

presence of your brethren the children of Israel,
1:6 Offer the Passover in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the Passover according to the commandment of

the Lord, which was given unto Moses.

1:7 And unto the people that was found there Josias gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves: these things were

given of the king's allowance, according as he promised, to the people, to the Priests, and to the Levites.

1:8 And Helkias, Zacharias, and Syelus, the governors of the

Temple, gave to the Priests for the Passover two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.

1:9 And Jeconias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and

Assabias, and Ochiel, and Joram, captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the Passover five thousand sheep, and seven hundred calves.

1:10 And when these things were

done, the Priests and Levites, having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,

1:11 And according to the several dignities of the

fathers, before the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses: and thus did they in the morning.

1:12 And they roasted the Passover with

fire, as appertaineth:
as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots and pans with a good savour,
1:13 And set them before all the people: and

afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the Priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

1:14 For the priests offered the fat until night: and the Levites prepared for themselves,

and the Priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

1:15 The holy Singers also, the sons of Asaph, were in their order, according to the appointment of David, to wit, Asaph, Zacharias,

and Jeduthun, who was of the king's retinue.

1:16 Moreover the porters were at every gate; it was not lawful for any to go from his ordinary service: for their brethren the Levites

prepared for them.
1:17 Thus were
the things that
belonged to the
sacrifices of the
Lord accomplished
in that day, that
they might hold
the Passover,
1:18 And offer
sacrifices upon

the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josias.

1:19 So the children of Israel which were present held the Passover at that time, and the feast of sweet bread seven days.

1:20 And such a Passover was not kept in Israel since the time of the prophet Samuel.
1:21 Yea, all the kings of Israel held not such a Passover as Josias, and the Priests, and the

Levites, and the Jews, held with all Israel that were found dwelling at Jerusalem.

1:22 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josias was this Passover kept.

1:23 And the works

of Josias were upright before his Lord with an heart full of godliness.

1:24 As for the things that came to pass in his time, they were written in former times, concerning those that sinned, and

did wickedly
against the Lord
above all people
and kingdoms, and
how they grieved
him exceedingly,
so that the words
of the Lord rose up
against Israel.
1:25 Now after all
these acts of

Josias it came to pass, that Pharaoh the king of Egypt came to raise war at Carchamis upon Euphrates: and Josias went out against him.

1:26 But the king of Egypt sent to him, saying, What have

I to do with thee, O king of Judea?

1:27 I am not sent out from the Lord God against thee; for my war is upon Euphrates: and now the Lord is with me, yea, the Lord is with me hasting me

forward: Depart from me, and be not against the Lord.

1:28 Howbeit Josias did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not regarding the

words of the Prophet Jeremy spoken by the mouth of the Lord:
1:29 But joined battle with him in the plain of Magiddo, and the princes came against king Josias.

1:30 Then said the king unto his servants, Carry me away out of the battle for I am very weak: and immediately his servants took him away out of the battle.

1:31 Then

gat he up upon his second chariot; and being brought back to Jerusalem died, and was buried in his fathers sepulchre.

1:32 And in all Jewry they mourned for Josias, yea Jeremy

the prophet lamented for Josias, and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him unto this day: and this was given out for an ordinance to be done continually

in all the nation
of Israel.
1:33 These things
are written in the
book of the stories
of the kings of
Judah, and every
one of the acts that
Josias
did, and his
glory, and his

understanding in the law of the Lord, and the things that he had done before, and the things now recited, are reported in the book of the kings of Israel and Judea.

1:34 And the people

took Joachaz the son of Josias, and made him king instead of Josias his father, when he was twenty and three years old.

1:35 And he reigned in Judea and in Jerusalem three months: and then

the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Jerusalem.

1:36 And he set a tax upon the land of an hundred talents of silver, and one talent of gold.

1:37 The king of

Egypt also made king Joacim his brother king of Judea and Jerusalem.

1:38 And he bound Joacim and the nobles: but Zaraces his brother he apprehended, and

brought him
out of Egypt.
1:39 Five and
twenty year old
was Joacim when
he was made king
in the land of
Judea and
Jerusalem; and
he did evil before
the Lord.

1:40 Wherefore against him Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon came up, and bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him into Babylon.
1:41 Nabuchodonosor also took of the

holy vessels of the Lord, and carried them away, and set them in his own temple at Babylon.

1:42 But those things that are recorded of him, and of his uncleaness, and impiety, are written

in the chronicles of the kings.

1:43 And Joacim his son reigned in his stead: he was made king being eighteen years old;

1:44 And reigned but three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and did

evil before
the Lord.
1:45 So after a
year
Nabuchodonosor
sent, and caused
him to be brought
into Babylon with
the holy vessels
of the Lord;
1:46 And made

Zedechias king of Judea and Jerusalem, when he was one and twenty years old, and he reigned eleven years:

1:47 And he did evil also in the sight of the Lord, and cared not for

the words that were spoken unto him, by the Prophet Jeremy from the mouth of the Lord.

1:48 And after that king Nabuchodonosor had made him to swear by the name

of the Lord, he
forswore himself,
and rebelled, and
hardening his
neck, his heart, he
transgressed the
laws of the Lord
God of Israel.
1:49 The governors
also of the people
and of the priests

did many things
against the laws,
and passed all the
pollutions of all
nations, and
defiled the Temple
of the Lord, which
was sanctified in
Jerusalem.
1:50 Nevertheless,
the God of their

fathers sent by his messenger to call them back, because he spared them and his tabernacle also.

1:51 But they had his messengers in derision, and, look, when the Lord spake unto them,

they made a sport of his prophets:

1:52 So far forth that he being wroth with his people for their great ungodliness, commanded the kings of the Chaldees to come up against them.

1:53 Who slew their young men with the sword, yea even within the compass of their holy Temple, and spared neither young man nor maid, old man nor child among them, for he delivered all

into their hands.
1:54 And they took
all the holy vessels
of the Lord, both
great and small,
with the vessels of
the Ark of God,
and the kings
treasures, and
carried them away
into Babylon.

1:55 As for the house of the Lord they burnt it, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem, and set fire upon her towers:

1:56 And as for her glorious things, they never ceased till they had

consumed and brought them all to nought, and the people that were not slain with the sword, he carried unto Babylon:

1:57 Who became servants to him and his children, till the Persians

reigned, to fulfil the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremy:

1:58 Until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths, the whole time of her desolation shall she rest, until the

full term of
seventy years.